

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Special Olympics Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 92-0057197****Project Title:**

Special Olympics Alaska - Travel and Event Related Costs and Adjacent Property Acquisition

State Funding Requested: \$ 550,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Special Olympics Alaska - Purchase Property & Construct Gym/Warehouse & Off-Set Costs of State Games

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$550,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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2009 Request for Funding: \$3,300,000

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Project Timeline:

FY 09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Special Olympics Alaska

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Jim Balamaci, President/CEO

Phone Number: 907-222-7625

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

I N S P I R E G R E A T N E S S



DATE: February 12, 2008

TO: John Harris, Representative/Speaker of the House
Kevin Meyer, Representative

FROM: Jim Balamaci, President/CEO

SUBJECT: **2009 Request for Funding – 92-0057197**

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These requested funds will have a tremendous impact on our statewide communities. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

**Special Olympics Alaska
2008
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